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# Before You Dig: Regulations Affect Soil Disturbance in Superfund Area

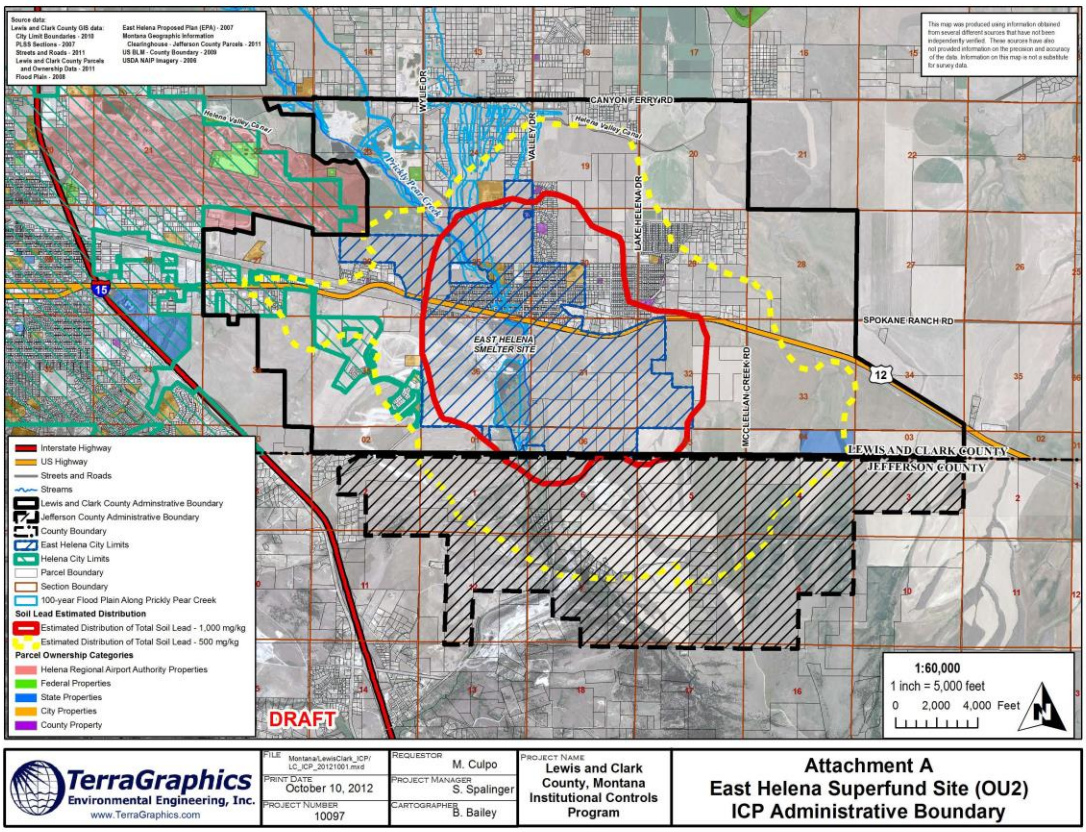
If you live in the East Helena Superfund Area and plan to build, landscape or tackle other projects that involve moving soil, be sure you're aware of regulations regarding soil displacement and disposal within the East Helena Superfund Administrative Boundary.

The regulations apply to all parcels of land within the boundary that have 500 parts per million (ppm) or more of lead in the soil. If the soil on your property meets those criteria, and if you plan to disturb more than 1 cubic yard of soil, you'll need to get a free soil displacement permit. A cubic yard is a dirt pile 3 feet wide, 3 feet long, and 3 feet high.

As part of the permitting process you will also need to be certified by our office to learn how to move soil safely. Certification takes about 30 minutes. You can get your free permit and certification from the Lead Education and Assistance Office (LEAP) in Room 201 of East Helena City Hall, 306 E. Main St.

The regulations are available at the LEAP office or online at www.LewisAndClarkHealth.org.

## If you aren't sure whether you need a permit, call LEAP at 457-8583.




*The East Helena Superfund Administrative Boundary is shown on the map as a solid, heavy black line.*

*Larger copies of the map are available at the LEAP office.*